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EMPLOYMENT IN ABANDONED TOWNSHIP
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in normal circumstances, a mining township is destined to die when a mining company depletes the mineral resources and leaves for a new location resulting in social and economic disruption in old township; and

(b) if so, the policy the Government have contemplated for broad base activities and sources of employment in abandoned township?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b) : The National Mineral Policy envisages that since mineral deposits are exhaustible, once the process of economical extraction of a mine is complete, there is a need for its closure. Whenever mine closure becomes necessary, it should be orderly and systematic and so planned as to help the workers and the dependent community rehabilitate themselves without undue hardship.